

RECEIVED TOWN CLERK GRAFTON, MA

2017 NOV -8 PM 1:51



TOWN OF GRAFTON

GRAFTON MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER
30 PROVIDENCE ROAD
GRAFTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01519
(508) 839-5335 ext 1120 • FAX (508) 839-4602
planningdept@grafton-ma.gov
www.grafton-ma.gov

APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OF A SPECIAL PERMIT & SITE PLAN APPROVAL

Application No. SP 2000-11 Modification #
APPLICANT & PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION
NAME Petrogas Group New England Inc.
STREET c/o Bowditch & Dewey, LLP, 311 Main Street CITY/TOWN Worcester
STATE MA ZIP 01608 TELEPHONE (508) 926-3464
NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER (if different from Applicant) Leemilt's Petroleum, Inc.
Deed recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 30031 Page 98
SITE INFORMATION:
STREET AND NUMBER 88 Worcester Street
ZONING DISTRICT CB; WSPOD ASSESSOR'S MAP 55 LOT#(S) 94
LOT SIZE 30,414 square feet FRONTAGE 275 feet
CURRENT USE Gasoline service station with service bays.
PROJECT/PLAN INFORMATION:
PLANTITLE Proposed Site Improvement Plans
PREPARED BY (name address of PE Architect) MHF Design Consultants, Inc., 44 Stiles Road, Suite 1, Salem, NH 03079
DATES November 7, 2017
Briefly state requested modification: Continue gasoline service station use and renovate interior and exterior of building to accommodate 24-hour convenience
and package store use, along with replacement of canopy and associated site improvements.
Cite all appropriate sections of the Zoning By-Law which pertain to this Application, Use and Site:
3.2.3.1; 1.3.3
TO THE GRAFTON PLANNING BOARD:
The undersigned, being the APPLICANT named above, hereby applies for a SPECIAL PERMIT to be granted by the Planning Board and certifies that, to the best of APPLICANT'S knowledge and belief, the information contained herein is correct and omplete. Applicant's Signature Property Owner's Signature (if not Applicant) Date: 11817
Property Owner's Signature (if Not Applicant) Date: 118/7





GRAFTON, MA 2017 NOV -8 PH 1:51 TOWN OF GRAFTON

GRAFTON MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER 30 PROVIDENCE ROAD **GRAFTON. MASSACHUSETTS 01519**

(508) 839-5335 ext 1120 * FAX (508) 839-4602 planningdept@grafton-ma.gov

www.grafton-ma.gov

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT

SP 2017

RECEIVED TOWN CLERK

Application No. APPLICANT & PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION NAME Petrogas Group New England Inc. STREET c/o Bowditch & Dewey, LLP, 311 Main Street Worcester CITY/TOWN TELEPHONE (508) 926-3464 STATE __MA 01608 ZIP NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER (if different from Applicant) Leemilt's Petroleum, Inc. Book _30031 Deed recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds **SITE INFORMATION:** STREET AND NUMBER 88 Worcester Street CB; WSPOD ZONING DISTRICT _ ASSESSOR'S MAP LOT #(S) 275 feet LOT SIZE 30,414 square feet **FRONTAGE** Gasoline service station with service bays CURRENT USE PROJECT/PLAN INFORMATION: PLANTITLE Proposed Site Improvement Plans MHF Design Consultants, Inc., 44 Stiles Road, Suite 1, Salem, NH 03079 PREPARED BY (name/address of PE/Architect) DATES __November 7, 2017 Use for which Special Permit is sought: (refer to § 3.2.3.1 of the Zoning Bylaw - Use Regulation Table); Signage for gasoline service station and retail establishment up to 5,000 square feet. Cite all appropriate sections of the Zoning By-Law which pertain to this Application, Use and Site: 4.4.4 TO THE GRAFTON PLANNING BOARD: The undersigned, being the APPLICANT named above, hereby applies for a SPECIAL PERMIT to be granted by the Planning Board and certifies that, to the best of APPLICANT'S knowledge and belief, the information contained herein is correct and complete. Applicant's Signature Date: Property Owner's Signature (if not Applicant) Date:

Leernikes Fetroleum, in

FILE

October 17, 2017

Town of Grafton
Grafton Memorial Municipal Center
30 Providence Road
Grafton, Massachusetts 01519
Attn.: Planning Department

Re: 88 Worcester Street, North Grafton, MA (Our Site #30691)

To Whom It May Concern:

Leemilt's Petroleum, Inc. ("Leemilt's") is the fee owner of the above-referenced premises (the "Site"), which is leased to Lehigh Gas Wholesale Services, Inc. ("Lehigh") under a certain Unitary Net Lease and Net Sublease Agreement dated April 19, 2012, as amended by various amendments (collectively, the "Lease").

Leemilt's hereby authorizes Lehigh to act on behalf of Leemilt's with regard to applications and permits, including allowing Lehigh's subtenant, Petrogas Group New England Inc., to apply for permits for the renovation of the interior and exterior of the Site to accommodate a 24-hour convenience and package store use, site plan approval, replacement of canopy and associated signage and site improvements at the Site.

The limited authority granted herein applies only to the Site, is ministerial in nature and is intended solely to facilitate the administration of applications and permits as specified above.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned below if you have any questions or require additional information.

Very truly yours,

LEEMILT'S PETROLEUM, INC.



TOWN OF GRAFTON

GRAFTON MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER 30 PROVIDENCE ROAD GRAFTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01519

Phone: (508) 839-5335 ext 1170 • FAX: (508) 839-4602 www.grafton-ma.gov



TREASURER / COLLECTOR

Certificate of Good Standing

Applicants seeking permits with the Town of Grafton must submit this completed form at the time of application. When all obligations are paid to date, you must attach this "Certificate of Good Standing." with your application. Delinquent bills must be paid in full before the appropriate department accepts your application. Please make arrangements to pay these outstanding bills at the Collector's Office.

Please note: it can take up to three (3) business days to process each request.

Please check all that apply and indicate if permit(s) have been issued.

	Permit Yes	Issued?				Issued?
□Building – Inspection(s)		_X_	□Se	eptic System	Yes	No X
□Building – Electric		X_	QC:	onservation		X
□Building - Plumbing		<u>X</u>	□PI	anning		X_
□Board of Health	-	<u>X</u>	QO	ther		
Other Permit:						
Petrogas Group New Eng	gland Inc	•	Le	emilt's Petrole	um, Inc.	
Petitioner Name			Pro	perty Owner / Co	ompany Na	me
c/o Bowditch & Dewey,	, LLP		88	Worcester Str	eet	
Petitioner Address			Pro	perty Address		
Worcester, MA 01608			Gra	ifton, MA		
City, State, Zip				y, State, Zip		
508-926-3464						
Phone						
Date:		Curr	ent	Delinque	nt	N/A
Real Estate		X			1	
Personal Property						X

Date:	Current	Delinquent	N/A
Real Estate	X		,
Personal Property			X
Motor Vehicle Excise			X
Disposal			X
General Billing		1	V

Treasurer / Collector Name (please print)

Form Revised: 01/22/2014

September 8, 2017 Town of Grafton, MA makes no claims and no warranties, expressed or implied, concerning the welfdity or accuracy of the GIS data presented on this map. MAP FOR REFERENCE ONLY NOT A LEGAL DOCUMENT Parcels updated 6/1/2017 Properties updated 12/22/2016 1° = 78 ft 49 Haux -ET 68 153 0.12 AC 457 2 2 Hitchings Rd Hitchings Rd 秦 大 福 大 亮 大 628AC 2 90 52 20 15 Usher Rd Usher Rd Town of Grafton, MA Usher Rd Goodle Usher Rd

88 Worcester Street Map 55, Lot 94

Owner 1 CAROLR	Owner 1 CAROLINO JULIA L	Owner 2	Address 1 1 HITCHINGS ROAD	City N GRAFTON	St Zip Bk Pg MA 01536 36433 297
COUNTRY PLAZA WILSON JOHN D	10/055.0-0000-0092.0 2 HITCHINGS ROAD WILSON JOHN D	C/O EDENS & AVANT	PO BOX 528 2 HITCHINGS BOAD	COLUMBIA	
DOYLE MICHAEL E	ELE TEST	DOYLE LOUISE	2 USHER ROAD	N GRAFTON	
WORLD I YSON EARL	EAKL	MOHR HACHEL ALLISON	21 JANET CIRCLE	N GRAFTON	01536 52269
WILSON JOHN D	۵۵		4 HITCHINGS ROAD	NGHAFTON	01536 50094
GAGNE RANDY J	7		5 HTCHINGS ROAD	N GRAFTON	MA 01536 34937 170
28 KITCHEN CABINET LLC	SINET LLC		28 OOLIDGE STREET	AUBURN	01501 57382
HOPE PHOPERTIES LLC	ES LLC		665 CHURCH STREET	WHITINSVILLE	MA 01588 27344
FIIZGEMALD BHIAN D	N D		68 GRAFTON ROAD	UPTON	23362
AFTON SUBURI	GRAFI ON SUBURBAN CHEDIT UNION		86 WORCESTER STREET	N GRAFTON	MA 01536 17023 192
AKE PETHOLET	NY INC	DHAKE PETROLEUM COMPANY INC. C/O GLOBAL PARTNERS LP	15 NORTHEAST INDUSTRIAL ROAD	BRANFORD	CT 06405 5726 228
CEEMILI'S PEIROLEUM INC	,	GETTY PETHOLEUM MARKETING INC	TWO JERICHO PLAZA, WING C, SUITE 11, JERICHO	LJERICHO	NY 11753
	בוור		49 CHURCH STREET	WHITINSVILLE	MA 01588 48400 201
GHUCCIA PRANK E JR		C/O PEPPERONI EXPRESS	P.O. BOX 223	N GRAFTON	MA 01536 5360 26
GRAFION HEALITH	AHINEKSHIP	C/O REPUBLIC PLUMBING SUPPLY CO INCB90 PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY	890 PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY	NORWOOD	MA 02062 17507 203
KABASKA EDANCINE A	A 11/2		4 JANET CIFICLE	N GHAFTON	MA 01536 9899 369
10048 0-0000-0068 B 96 WORCESTER STREET GROCCIA FRANK E ID			21 HEHITAGE LANE	GROTON	MA 01450 52587 358
W		SAVERS CO-OPERALIVE BANK	PU 8UX 250	SOUTHBRIDGE MA 01550	MA 01550 9899 369



Statement in Support of Petrogas Group New England, Inc. Application to Town of Grafton Planning Board for Modifications of Special Permits and Grant of Site Plan Review Approval and Signage Special Permits for Renovation of Existing Gasoline Service Station at 88 Worcester Street, Grafton, Massachusetts

Petrogas Group New England, Inc. ("Petrogas") is seeking approval from the Grafton Planning Board (the "Board") to modify the 2000 Special Permits (hereinafter defined), grant site plan review approval and grant new signage special permits in connection with the renovation of an existing gasoline service station located at 88 Worcester Street, Grafton, Massachusetts (the "Property").

I. Background, Proposed Use and Project Scope.

The Property is an approximately 0.7042 acre parcel of land and currently owned by Leemilt's Petroleum, Inc. The Property is located within the Community Business ("CB") zoning district and the Water Supply Protection Overlay District (the "WSPOD"), and has been used as a gasoline service station with service bays for decades. In 2000, the Planning Board granted special permits pursuant to Section 3.2.3.1 (special permit for automobile and/or truck repair garage use) and for the expansion of the existing building (the "Building") to accommodate a third service bay to be used for state inspections (the "2000 Special Permits").

Petrogas is now seeking to continue to use the Property as a gasoline service station and renovate the exterior and interior portions of the Building (without altering the current footprint) to accommodate a 24-hour convenience and package store and construct and install associated site improvements, including replacement of the existing canopy (the "Existing Canopy") with a new canopy (the "New Canopy") with four dispenser islands (8 fueling locations), newly striped parking areas, drive aisles, landscaping, signage and stormwater facilities (collectively, the "Project").

II. Requirement for Modifications of the 2000 Special Permits and Grant of Site Plan Review Approval and Signage Special Permits.

The proposed convenience and package store use is permitted by right in the CB zoning district and the WSPOD as a retail establishment having a floor area that is up to 5,000 square feet. However, the Building Commissioner has determined that the modifications to the Property's site layout require modifications of the 2000 Special Permits.

The Building Commissioner has confirmed that the gasoline service station is preexisting nonconforming with respect to use and structure, and that, except for the modifications of the 2000 Special Permits and grant of site plan review approval and signage special permits as requested herein, and grant of a special permit under Section 3.4.3.5 of the Zoning Bylaw from the Grafton Zoning Board of Appeals, no other zoning-related permits or approvals are required for the Project.

IV. Reasons for Approval of modifications of the 2000 Special Permits and Grant of Site Plan Review Approval and Signage Special Permits.

The requested modifications of the 2000 Special Permits and grant of site plan review approval and signage special permits should be approved by the Board for the reasons stated herein.

A. Special Permit Standards under Sections 1.5.5 and 4.4.4.

The Project complies with the standards set forth in Sections 1.5.5 and 4.4.4 of the Zoning Bylaw:

1. Harmony with purpose and intent of the Zoning Bylaw; no nuisance, hazard or congestion created; no substantial harm to the neighborhood or a derogation from the general purpose and the intent of the Zoning Bylaw; public interest.

The Project will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Bylaw, and will not create a nuisance, hazard, congestion or concerns pertaining to health, safety or general welfare. There will not be substantial harm to the neighborhood or derogation from the intent of the Zoning Bylaw as a result of the Project. The Project will sustain and create new jobs, generate additional tax revenues for the Town, enhance the current use by allowing for a safer and more efficient traffic flow within and off the Property and modernize and dramatically improve the aesthetic appeal, design and quality of this highly visible site that currently contains structures, fixtures, equipment and driveway areas that are outdated and dilapidated. The Project will promote economic vitality to the neighborhood. The gas station use has been in operation for decades, which demonstrates the need and demand in the community for such use. The redevelopment will not be detrimental to adjoining premises, but rather complement the existing mix of businesses in the area, which include retail, personal service, office, fast order food, grocery store, restaurant and gasoline station uses. Except for the approvals referenced herein, no other zoning-related permits or approvals are required for the Project.

2. Ingress and egress.

The realignment of curb cuts, reconfiguration of parking areas and better-defined driving aisles will significantly improve the overall safety, operations and traffic flow on and off the Property, and will not result in a nuisance or hazard to vehicles or pedestrians within or off the Property. The Project will not create any line of sight hazards along streets. The location of the existing Building will not be modified under the Project, and both the Building and New Canopy will be in safe and convenient locations in relation to parking and driveway areas and fuel pumps. The Project, including the convenience store, will not result in a material increase in, or impact on, traffic over the current use or negative impacts on adjacent streets and ways. No drive-through operation is proposed

for the site. Sufficient widths and turning radii necessary to provide for safe and efficient travel for fuel delivery trucks and emergency vehicles will be provided. Tank refilling areas will be a safe distance from the Building, the New Canopy and fuel pumps.

3. Off-street parking and loading areas; economic, noise, glare and odor effects.

Reconfiguration of parking areas and better-defined driving aisles will significantly improve the overall safety, operations and traffic flow on and off the Property.

The Project will sustain and create new jobs, employing approximately 20 employees. The Project will enhance the value of the Property, and, in turn, will generate additional tax revenues for the Town. The Project improvements will have no greater impact on, adversely affect or be detrimental to adjoining premises or zones or the neighborhood. Rather, the Project will improve the aesthetic appeal, amenities and economic vitality of the neighborhood and surrounding areas. The kind, size, height and nature of the existing Building and canopy and replacement signage are consistent with other sites that have been renovated or redeveloped for gasoline station and convenience store use in the area. The Project is not expected to result in any increase in impacts with respect to light/glare and odor that would be noticeable by any abutting properties, and removal of the service station will result in a decrease in overall noise.

4. Refuse collection or disposal and services areas.

The proposed dumpster will be screened from neighboring properties and roadways with a 6-foot tall vinyl fence and will further be screened from the street by landscaping.

5. Screening and buffering with reference to type, dimensions and character.

The aggregate landscaped area will increase slightly. The proposed mix of shade trees, shrubs, ground covers and perennials will provide adequate screening and will be a vast aesthetic improvement over the existing landscaping. The type, size and caliper of proposed trees will enhance the Property. Existing trees, shrubs, ground covers and other natural features will be maintained to the extent practicable. Landscape materials will protect abutting properties, and the dense woodlands between the Property and the Homefield Credit Union property to the southeast will remain unchanged.

6. Signs and proposed exterior lighting with reference to glare, traffic safety, economic effect, and compatibility and harmony with properties in the district.

Signage special permits are required for (a) a primary wall sign in excess of the allowed square footage (i.e., 76 square feet allowed and 85.3 square feet proposed); and (b) for a secondary wall sign in excess of the square footage allowed (i.e., 6 square feet allowed and 52.5 square feet proposed); (c) height of the pylon sign (i.e., 16 feet allowed

and 20 feet proposed); and (d) 2 canopy signs (i.e., exceeding number of freestanding and/or wall signs allowed).

The architecture and location of the existing Building with reference to the street and the nature of the establishment is such that the proposed signage should be permitted in the public interest, and the proposed signage is necessary due to topography and site conditions unique to its location. The Property is a small lot with surrounding wetlands set on a curve of the street and configured such that the side of the Building faces the street. For motorists driving from east to west along Worcester Street, the visibility of the proposed signage is partially blocked by existing trees and vegetation along the Homefield Credit Union property. For motorists driving from west to east along Worcester Street, the visibility of the proposed signage is impaired due to the curve in the street leading to the Property. The size, location and layout of the Property, Building, driveways and parking areas limit visibility of the proposed signs and the amount of available areas for signage.

Unlike other businesses, gasoline pricing displays are an integral and unique feature of gasoline stations. Such signage is regulated and required by Federal and state law, and it is customary for such signage to be displayed in areas that are easily visible by the public, and, unlike a business name or symbol which is static, gasoline pricing information changes on a routine basis and customers need to take a moment to read such displays in order to make purchasing decisions. Canopy signage is also a unique, yet a customary feature of gasoline stations. This is also a multi-use site on a small lot. Based on the foregoing, this is a unique and particular type of use that requires flexibility in order to identify the premises adequately.

Public safety, convenience and traffic-flow will be improved with better visibility of signage. The proposed signage will have no greater impact on, adversely affect or be detrimental to public safety and welfare, adjoining premises or zones or the neighborhood, and will not be a nuisance or a hazard to vehicles and pedestrians. The proposed signage will not cause visual confusion, glare or offensive lighting in the neighborhood or surrounding properties. The proposed signs are functionally and aesthetically compatible with the surrounding commercial properties in the neighborhood, and will not significantly alter the character of the zoning district. The proposed signs are appropriately located and reasonably adapted to the proposed use. The kind, size, height and nature of the proposed signs are consistent with other nearby gasoline stations (e.g., Shell, Cumberland and Mobil), convenience store and other commercial uses along Worcester Street and within the Town. Granting of the requested signage special permits will not derogate substantially from, and will be in harmony with, the intent and purposes of the Zoning Bylaw.

The outdoor lighting to be installed will be similar to the existing lighting at the site and will be adequate for security and safety purposes. The Property will utilize LED lighting, and will be arranged and have directional shields so as to prevent glare from the Property from shining onto abutting properties and the street. There will be no deleterious effect on neighboring properties, none of which include residential properties.

Reflectors and shielding will result in 0.4 foot-candles at abutting property lines and 12.3 foot-candles along the street.

7. Required yards and other open space.

Except for minimum front yard setback, the existing Building complies with dimensional requirements. The Building and Existing Canopy are lawful pre-existing nonconforming structures with respect to minimum front yard setback. Because the footprint of the Building will not be increased as a result of the Project, the Building Commissioner confirmed that no zoning relief is required with respect to the front yard setback of the Building. The total area of the Existing Canopy is 967 square feet, all of which is within the 40-foot front yard setback. The New Canopy will accommodate coverage of all of the fuel pumps, and will have a total area of approximately 2,000 square feet, of which approximately 1,200 square feet will be within the 40-foot front yard setback. The New Canopy will be located no closer to the front lot line along Worcester Street than the Existing Canopy. A special permit pursuant to Section 3.4.3.5 of the Zoning Bylaw will be required for the New Canopy.

The Property is pre-existing nonconforming with respect to minimum open space. Open space at the Property will increase to 46% as a result of the Project, and, therefore, will not require zoning relief with respect to open space.

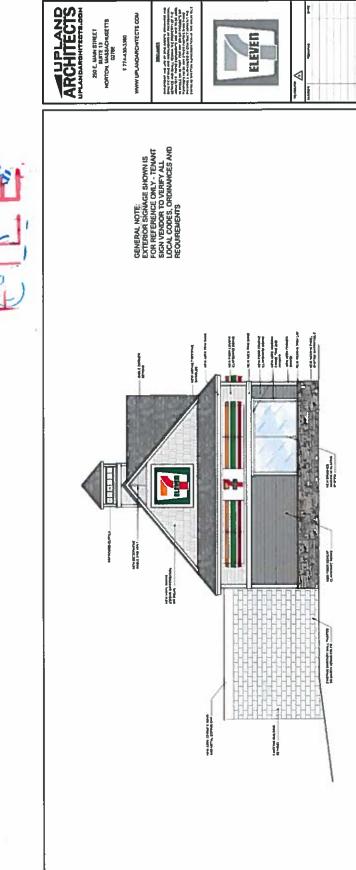
8. <u>General compatibility with adjacent properties and other property in the district.</u>

The Project is functionally and aesthetically compatible with the surrounding commercial properties in the neighborhood, which include a mix of personal service, retail, grocery store, fast food and gasoline station uses. There are no residences in close proximity to the Property. Granting this relief will promote the highest and best use of the Property, which has been used as a gasoline station for decades, and, therefore, the Project use will continue to fit into the present character of the neighborhood.

9. There will not be any significant adverse or cumulative impact on any public/municipal or private water supply.

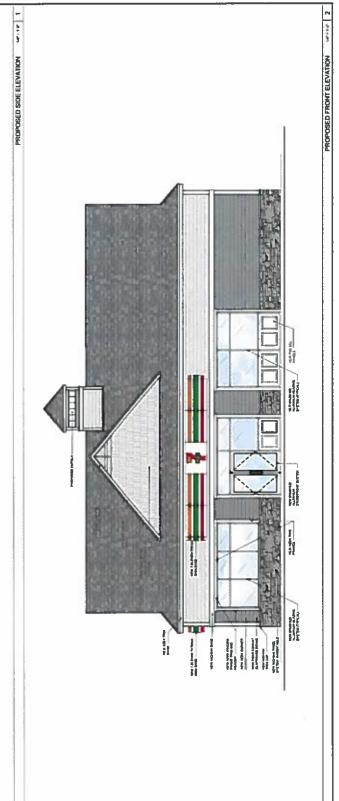
The proposed convenience store use will not generate a substantial increase in water demand and will not have any impact on the municipal water system. There are currently no stormwater controls onsite. Site improvements including increased stormwater management/treatment methods and reduced impervious coverage will improve water quality from runoff generated onsite. Stormwater management improvements include a new closed drainage system consisting of curbing and grade breaks at the site driveways to capture all stormwater on site, along with deep sumphooded catch basins, a "First Defense" hydrodynamic separator water quality unit and a rain garden. The deep sumphooded catch basins and First Defense unit provide pretreatment of stormwater prior to discharging into the rain garden which uses filter media and plantings to treat stormwater flows prior to providing groundwater recharge





ELEVEN

174-430-3300



applegreen N.Grafton, MA

(D)

PROPOSED ELEVATIONS (nov 9-28-17)

A101

